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Related Applications

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 09/532,580, filed March 22, 2000, entitled "Collapsible Container With Integrally Supported Dunnage," now U.S. Patent No. 6,230,916, which is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/033,680, filed March 3, 1998, entitled "Collapsible Container with Integrally Supported Dunnage," now U.S. Patent No. 6,062,410, which is a divisional application of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 08/608,476, filed February 28, 1996, entitled "Collapsible Container With Integrally Supported Dunnage," now U.S. Patent No. 5,725,119, all such patents being incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over the reference of Bradford et al., U.S. Patent No., 5,725,119. However, that application is a parent application of the present application. Pursuant to the claimed priority above in the Related Applications section, the present application claims priority, through a line of divisional cases, to U.S. Patent No. 5,725,119. As such, to the extent that the Bradford et al. '119 would show all the structure of the device as recited by the claims as argued by the Examiner, the present application would be entitled to the benefit of the February 28, 1996, filing date of Bradford et al. '119. As such, the Bradford et al. '119 patent is not a prior art reference under §102(b), and can not be used as such to reject the pending claims.